

2014 Stand and Deliver Hot Topics

This round will be 30 minutes in length. Twenty minutes are given to candidates to plan, organize and prepare a spoken presentation. Five minutes are focused on the candidate's ability to deliver spoken presentation. Five minutes focused on the candidate's ability to respond accurately to questions regarding topic and presentation.

Candidates will have 20 minutes in a preparation room to prepare for delivering a five minute speech on a topic that is given to them. When preparing their speech, candidates should plan as if they are advocating for this topic and its supporting ideas. When candidates arrive to the preparation room they will receive the topic and instructions regarding the setting and audience to which the speech will be directed. Candidates will have a full 20 minutes to formulate their remarks. No materials will be allowed in the room during this time other than a pad of paper and a pen, which will be provided.

The following is a listing of 10 "hot topics" to guide your preparation for this round in the 2014 selection process.

- Agricultural Career Network (AgCN)
- Diversity/Inclusion – Engaging all students enrolled in agricultural education
- FFA membership – Recruitment & Retention
- FFA Alumni Associate Membership and FFA Link
- Shortage of qualified agricultural educators / FFA Advisors
- Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE)
- Agriculture as a Viable Career Option
- Advocating for Agriculture
- Reflect, Transform, Lead: A New Vision for Career and Technical Education
- The Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Career Cluster

One of the 10 topics will be selected by the nominating committee during preparation at state convention. The committee will also select the context in which the speech will be delivered. Details about the specific topic chosen and the context will be provided to candidates only when they enter the preparation room (i.e. deliver a 5 minute speech to a group of 20 legislators about American Education/Agricultural Education during a breakfast at Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day).

For more information regarding this interview round please reference the New Jersey State Officer Candidate Handbook.